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TITLE OF INVENTION: OPTICAL DISK UNIT				

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	10/584,772	FUKUTOMI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	BRIAN BUTCHER	2627	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment received on the 23rd of March 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3 - 6.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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/Wayne Young/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2627

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment to correct informalities in the claims was given in a telephone interview with **Mr. Bradley D. Lytle** on **April 10, 2009**.

In the Claims:

In claim 11, lines 9 – 19, change:

“ transmittance and reflectance to the S polarization and the P polarization of said light separator are adjusted so that a first polarization component level ratio being the ratio of the level of a component corresponding to the TE component to the level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said reflective light from said optical disk was received by said light receiver for reproducing signal from said laser light source via said light separator, and a second polarization component level ratio being the ratio of the level of a component corresponding to the TE component to the level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said laser beam from said laser light source was received by said light receiver for

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monitoring light source via said light separator become equal or the difference between the first and the second polarization component level ratios becomes within a predetermined permissible range; and ”

To:

-- transmittance and reflectance to an S polarization and a P polarization of said light separator are adjusted so that a first polarization component level ratio being a ratio of a level of a component corresponding to a TE component to a level of a component corresponding to a TM component of said laser beam by that said reflective light from said optical disk was received by said light receiver for reproducing signal from said laser light source via said light separator, and a second polarization component level ratio being a ratio of a level of a component corresponding to the TE component to the level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said laser beam from said laser light source was received by said light receiver for monitoring light source via said light separator become equal or a difference between the first and the second polarization component level ratios becomes within a predetermined permissible range; and --.

Also, in claim 11, lines 24 – 26, change:

“ the necessary value of a laser noise canceled amount N_a is represented so that said difference between the first and the second polarization component

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level ratios becomes within said permissible range, by the following expression of relation: ”

To:

-- a necessary value of a laser noise canceled amount N_a is represented so that said difference between the first and the second polarization component level ratios becomes within said permissible range, by the following expression of relation: --.

Furthermore, in claim 11, lines 30 – 43, change:

“ N_a : the noise level after laser noise cancel/the noise level before the laser noise cancel LD_p : the ratio of the level of TE component to the level of the TM component of the laser beam emitted from said laser light source, RF_{po} : the ratio of the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for reproducing signal, that is determined by said light separator existing on the optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for reproducing signal, FPD_{po} : the ratio of the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for monitoring light source, that is determined by said light separator existing on

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the optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for monitoring light source. ”

To:

-- Na: a noise level after laser noise cancel/a noise level before laser noise cancel, LDp: a ratio of a level of the TE component to a level of the TM component of the laser beam emitted from said laser light source, RFpo: a ratio of a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for reproducing signal, that is determined by said light separator existing on an optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for reproducing signal, FPDpo: a ratio of a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for monitoring light source, that is determined by said light separator existing on and optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for monitoring light source. --.

In claim 5, lines 12 – 29, change:

“ by said polarizer, transmittance and reflectance to the S polarization and the P polarization of said light separator are adjusted so that a first polarization component level ratio being the ratio of the level of a component corresponding to the TE component to the level of a component corresponding to the TM

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component of said laser beam by that said reflective light from said optical disk was received by said light receiver for reproducing signal from said laser light source via said light separator, and a second polarization component level ratio being the ratio of the level of a component corresponding to the TE component to the level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said laser beam from said laser light source was received by said light receiver for monitoring light source via said light separator become equal or the difference between the first and the second polarization component level ratios becomes within a predetermined permissible range; and the difference between a laser noise component received by said light receiver for reproducing signal and a laser noise component received by said light receiver for monitoring light source after said adjustment is obtained, in order to obtain a reproducing signal in that laser noises were canceled out, wherein the necessary value of a laser noise canceled amount N_a is represented so that said "

To:

-- by said polarizer, transmittance and reflectance to an S polarization and a P polarization of said light separator are adjusted so that a first polarization component level ratio being a ratio of a level of a component corresponding to the TE component to a level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said reflective light from said optical disk was received by said light receiver for reproducing signal from said laser light source via said light separator, and a second polarization component level ratio being a ratio of a

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level of a component corresponding to the TE component to a level of a component corresponding to the TM component of said laser beam by that said laser beam from said laser light source was received by said light receiver for monitoring light source via said light separator become equal or a difference between the first and the second polarization component level ratios becomes within a predetermined permissible range; and the difference between a laser noise component received by said light receiver for reproducing signal and a laser noise component received by said light receiver for monitoring light source after said adjustment is obtained, in order to obtain a reproducing signal in that laser noises were canceled out, wherein a necessary value of a laser noise canceled amount N_a is represented so that said --.

Also, in claim 5, lines 35 – 48, change:

“ N_a : the noise level after laser noise cancel/the noise level before the laser noise cancel LD_p : the ratio of the level of TE component to the level of the TM component of the laser beam emitted from said laser light source, RF_{po} : the ratio of the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for reproducing signal, that is determined by said light separator existing on the optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for reproducing signal, FPD_{po} : the ratio of the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE

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component to the transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for monitoring light source, that is determined by said light separator existing on the optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for monitoring light source. ”

To:

-- Na: a noise level after laser noise cancel/a noise level before laser noise cancel, LDp: a ratio of a level of the TE component to a level of the TM component of the laser beam emitted from said laser light source, RFpo: a ratio of a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for reproducing signal, that is determined by said light separator existing on an optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for reproducing signal, FPDpo: a ratio of a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TE component to a transmittance of a component corresponding to said TM component of said laser beam from said laser light source to said light receiver for monitoring light source, that is determined by said light separator existing on and optical path between said laser light source and said light receiver for monitoring light source. --.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN BUTCHER whose telephone number

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is (571)270-5575. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young, can be reached at (571) 272 - 7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/BMB/

April 10, 2009

/Wayne Young/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2627